crashed on 26th April, 1993 after taking off from Aurangabad airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss of human lives and the properties;

(c) whether any preliminary investigations have been conducted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government has contemplated to avoid recurrence of such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After take off, the wheel gear of the aircraft had hit a high-rise truck loaded with cotton, passing on the road outside the perimeter wall. The landing gear of the aircraft broke off and the aircraft swerved to the left. Thereafter, it hit a power transmission line and crashed in a field about 7 k.m. away from the airport. The aircraft broke into pieces and caught fire. 53 passengers and 2 crew members lost their lives.

(c) and (d) Preliminary report of investigation by the Inspector of Accidents appointed by DGCA has not yet been received.

(e) Measures, such as implementation of recommendations emanating from investigation of aircraft accidents, dissemination of safety information, monitoring of cockpit voice recorders, carrying out periodic inspection of aerodromes, implementation of measures for eradication of bird menace at airports etc. are taken to improve air safety.

**Rules and Regulation Governing issue of Complementary Air Tickets**

1567. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of rules and regulations governing the issue of complementary air tickets to the employees of Air India and Indian Airlines, including the members of their families, parents etc; and

(b) whether they are entitled to visit any place in the country and abroad during a year, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The details of the free|concessional passages to which the employees of Air India and Indian Airlines and their family members are entitled under the Passage Regulations are indicated in Statement I.

and II attached (See below).

(b) Normally, the employees are allowed to travel on the services of the respective airline; there is a provision for travel by other airline, subject to guideines in this regard. However, all travel by free|concessional tickets is subject to load basis i.e. subject to the availability of seats.

**Statement-I**

*Entitlement of Air India Employees for free/concessional passage.*

| After completion of satisfactory service of | For travel on International Sectors | | | | For travel on Domestic Sectors | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 | No. 4 | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 3 | No. 4 | No. 5 |
| | Concession in value (Percent) | | | | Concession in value (Percent) | | | | |
| 1 Year . | 100 | 6 | 10 | Nil | 100 | 75 | 75 | 75 | Nil |
| 2 years . | 100 | 80 | 30 | 10 | 100 | 80 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 3 years . | 100 | 100 | 50 | 30 | 100 | 100 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 4 Years . | 100 | 100 | 70 | 50 | 100 | 100 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 5 Years . | 100 | 100 | 90 | 70 | 100 | 100 | 90 | 75 | 75 |
| 6 Years . Onwards | 100 | 100 | 90 | 90 | 100 | 100 | 90 | 90 | 75 |

Note : Family means the employees, his/her spouse, children and parents wholly dependent on the employee and such other relatives of the employee, included on compassionate grounds in each individual case.

**Statement-II**

*Indian Airlines Employee for Travel on Indian Airlines own services*

| Designation/Salary (Scale/Grade) | Length of Service | Number of Tickets | Family members to whom tickets may be transferred |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Employees irrespective of salary Scale (Grade). | Below 5 years | 2 Free+3 at 75% rebate | Self, spouse, children parents, brothers, sisters and other dependents. |
| | 5 years | 2 Free+1 at 90% rebate+2 at 75% rebate | |
| | 7 years | 2 Free+2 at 90% rebate+1 at 75% rebate | |
| | 10 years | 2 Free+3 at 90% rebate | |
| | 20 years | 2 Free+4 at 90% rebate | |
| | 25 years | 2 Free+5 at 90% rebate | |

*Norms governing issue of requests for free/concession Travel of IA employees on other airlines**

| Designation/Salary Scale (Grade) | Minimum Length of Service | Frequency of Requests permitted in the normal course | Family members for whom requests may be made |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chairman/Managing Director Dy. Managing Director Directors (19) | Nil | No upper limit specified | Self, spouse, children, perents, brothers, sisters and other dependents. |
| Dy. Directors/Junior Departmental Heads (Grade 18) | Nil | No upper limit specified | Self, spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters and other dependents |
| Manager in salary scale 3395—120—4355—125—4605 (Grvde 17) | Nil | No upper limit specified | Self, spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters vnd other dependents. |
| Officers below salary scale : 3395—120—4355—125—4605 (Grade 10 to Grade 16) | 5 years | Once in two years unless blood relations reside abroad in which case once annually | Self, spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters and other dependents. (upto four persons which may be increased at management's discretion. |
| Employees other than officers | 7 years | Once in three years unless blood relations reside abroad in wnih case once annualy | Self, spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters and other dependents. (Upto four persons, which may be increased at Managements' discretion). |

* This is a privilege which cannot be claimed by any employee as a right. Requests may or may not be granted by the airline to whom the request is sent.

**Congestion at Goa Airport**

1568. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute congestion at Dabolin Airport in Goa;

(b) whether in view of this airport handling a record number of International chartered Flights as a result of which many domsetic flights are either diverted|held up either at Bombay or Bangalore;

(c) whether Government will take up on top priority the Airport Expansion work of Belgaum Airport which is hardly 150 kms away and

(d) if so, by when this work is likely to be tendered and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In consideration of growing traffic at